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## Our Young People

### Give Him Your Best

Christ wants the best. He in the far-off ages  
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the finest  
of the wheat:

And still he asks his own, with gentlest pleading,  
To lay their highest hopes and brightest talents at  
his feet;

He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love,  
He only asks that of our store we give to him  
The best we have.

Christ gives the best. He takes the hearts we offer,  
And fills them with his glorious beauty, joy and  
peace;

And in his service, as we're growing stronger,  
The calls to grand achievements still increase;  
The richest gifts for us on earth, or in the heaven  
above,

Are hid in Christ; in Jesus we receive  
The best we have.

And is our best too much? Oh, friends, let us re-  
member,

How once our Lord poured out his soul for us,  
And in the prime of his mysterious manhood  
Gave up his precious life upon the cross;  
The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made,  
Thru bitter grief and tears gave us  
The best he had.

—The Interior.

### HOW MISSION WORK WILL GAIN SUCCESS, Acts 1: 6-14.

(Quarterly Missionary Meeting.)

Topic July 15.

The topic of this week's lesson presumes a great deal, for to show how mission work will gain success will be to answer the world's problem of salvation. The success of missions is sure but the evangelization of the world is a slow process. Success does not imply however, that all men will accept the truth and at once. They did not do that for Jesus himself. Success means the gradual but sure growth of the kingdom. That mission work is most successful which most advances the kingdom. This may be done in a thousand ways. But the greatest means of spreading the kingdom is the preaching of the gospel.

The early church was remarkably successful in spreading the gospel and a glance at its methods and characteristics will reveal to us the most prominent elements of its power. The Brethren church seeks to have the vital elements of the apostolic church and we as Brethren young people should study well the mission work of the early church.

#### SCRIPTURE HELP.

1. Faith, Mt. 17: 20; Rom. 1: 8; Gal. 3: 14; I John 4: 16. The apostles were men of mighty convictions and therefore preached with power. Doubt is a poor evangelist.

2. Obedience, Acts 4: 19-21; Acts 5: 29. God can do wonders with the obedient soul. Call up some of our modern men of great obedience—Judson, Paton, Carey, Moody, etc. Relate incidents of power thru obedience.

3. Prayer, Acts 20: 36; 12: 5-7; 14: 23. Prayer and missions would make a big subject by itself. Perhaps some one can prepare a 5 minute paper showing the power of prayer in the early church.

4. The holy spirit, Acts 1: 8; 5: 32; 6: 38; 11: 24; 16: 6, 7; Lk. 11: 13; 24: 48. Show how the holy spirit guided, delivered and empowered the apostles in their work and how the same promise is unto us, Acts 2: 39.

5. Gospel preaching, Acts 4: 1-4, 12, 23; 6: 7; 8: 5; 26: 22, 23; I Cor. 1: 18-21. All endowment of money and machinery of missions must fail if the

essential gospel of Jesus be not held up as the power of God unto salvation. What constitutes gospel preaching?

6. Gospel practicing, Acts 2: 43-47; Acts 17: 6; 20: 31; Mt. 28: 19. As Jesus began "both to do and to teach" so the early church and every successful church must back its preaching with Christ like living.

7. God giveth the increase, I Cor. 3: 6.

#### FOR OPEN MEETING.

1. Whose work is mission work?  
2. What ought we expect in mission work in order to call it successful?

3. What assurance have we that the world will ever be evangelized?

4. What are some hindrances to the success of missions?

5. Name some examples of successful mission work in our day and show why successful?

6. Why ought the Brethren church be specially successful in mission work?

7. How can our society do more to help our missions.

8. Why is mission work to be encouraged?

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### Rescued from Danger

Ram's Horn.

In one way or another a little sparrow had been caught in the globe of an electric light and could not find its way out. Quite a crowd had gathered around the spot, watching the little creature's fate. The trees around were just covered with other birds wanting to help, but not knowing how. They called and talked in their own sweet way. But no, the little thing could not get out. Presently one of its little friends thought it would fly over and help it, but only succeeded in getting in also.

The lookers-on were getting excited. One little boy started to climb up, but got down again. Already one bird had escaped. Then another boy climbed up, and it looked as if he would succeed in freeing the little prisoner. At last he got to the top of the pole, and putting his hand into the globe he caught the little bird and let him fly. Such a shout of joy went up that every one passing by stopped to see what was going on.

Sometimes a young man or young woman gets caught in the meshes of sin and one friend after another seeks in vain to rescue and lead to the right. When finally some thought fastens itself on the mind and he or she is led out into the paths of Christian living, what joy is seen in the faces of their friends. How the angels must rejoice over a soul redeemed!

### Rainy-Day Christians

Western Christian Advocate.

We hear much of "fair-weather Christians." When the sun shines and the temperature is favorable, they may be depended upon to attend services and to do a fair share of Christian work. But they never venture out in a storm. Extremes of heat or cold are fatal to their activity. You could exactly tell the state of the weather by their presence or absence.

Now, it is "wet-weather Christians," who are most needed, if there be a choice between the two classes. Those who rally to the pastor's help under circumstances depressing and discouraging are those who lift

a great burden from his heart and put great hope and courage within him. Surely, if we can be spared at all, it is when most will be present and ready for work; and when fewest are present and ready for work, then we are most needed. So, if you can not be constant and regular, if you must be intermittent in attendance and labors, muster yourself into the wet-weather division, so that you may do the most good when needed the most.

But doubtless faithful wet-weather Christians will come to love the work so well that they will crave the privilege of fair weather work, and speedily develop into ideal Christians and Wesleyans, "all at it, and always at it."

Let us measure our ability to get to the house of God by our ability to attend social functions or business engagements. Then we shall seldom be absent; and never absent without a valid excuse. In a word, let us make it our pleasure and our business to meet all our appointments with the Lord.

### Good Rule to Follow

Ram's Horn.

John Wesley's mother once wrote to him when he was in college: "Would you judge of the lawfulness or the unlawfulness of a pleasure, take this rule: Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind, that thing, to you, is sin."

## The Christian Life

### Let Me Begin Anew

Lord God, thou lettest the green things start  
A new life every year;  
Out of their sunken selves they rise,  
Erect and sweet and clear;  
Behold the lily's pure, white leaves,  
Unfolding by each mere!

Again the sap mounts in the fir  
Thru every swelling vein;  
Again the clover stirs and thrills,  
Responsive to the rain;  
Again the tender grass makes green  
The lone breast of the plain.

Hear the new, the golden flood of song  
The lark pours to the blue!  
Behold the strong, undaunted shoot  
Pushing its brave front thru  
The fallen tree—Lord God, Lord God,  
Let me begin anew.

Out of my own self let me rise!  
For God, if it can be,  
A new and noble growth may spring  
From yon decaying tree—  
Surely a strong, pure life may mount  
Out of this life of me!

—Unknown.

### God Glorified in Christian Character

J. Ransom Hall.

To the Christian churches is intrusted the work of preserving and perpetuating the religion of Jesus Christ. That it may be preserved in its purity, it must be received into the individual hearts of God's people as a living and energizing principle. If not so received, it is soon debased to the level of a